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CASTLE ACORN'S ROYAL INFIRMARY

TOSSED IN SPACE, HUH? TO THE FAR SIDE OF THE *UNIVERSE?** STICK ANYTHING IN YOUR EAR WHILE YOU WERE OUT THERE?

JUST A FUNKY, TWO-WAY IMPLANT TO HELP ME SPEAK AND UNDERSTAND ALIEN LINGO, *DR. QUACK!***

WHY?

SPECIAL THANKS TO ROBERT LEFFLER AND TAKUMA HATORI AT SEGA LICENSING

*SEE SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #126-129.
**SEE STH #127.

UH-HUH. THAT'S WHAT THIS X-RAY CONFIRMS, BUT WHOEVER *GAVE* YOU THE IMPLANT DIDN'T TELL YOU--

--THAT IT WOULD ALSO *BOND* WITH YOUR NERVOUS SYSTEM!

WHAT?! YOU MEAN IT'S PART OF ME?! WELL, DOC YOU'VE GOTTA GET *RID* OF IT!!

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RELAX, KID! IT DOESN'T LOOK DANGEROUS, AND BESIDES, TRYING TO REMOVE IT...
...MAY DO YOU MORE HARM THAN GOOD! SO...
X-RAY
...WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THAT NASTY LASER BURN YOU RECEIVED FROM ROBOTNIK'S BODYGUARD* (HERE'S SOME HERBAL SALVE--APPLY TWICE DAILY), I'M GIVING YOU A CLEAN BILL OF HEALTH, SONIC!
WASH YOUR HANDS PLEASE
* SEE LAST ISSUE.
HOW DO YOU FEEL?
Uhh...OKAY, I GUESS. SAY, DOC... I WAS AWAY FOR A WHOLE YEAR AND SO MANY THINGS CHANGED WHILE I WAS GONE. WE'RE AT WAR WITH EGGMAN, KNOTHOLE VILLAGE BECAME A CITY, AND, WELL... YOU'RE DIFFERENT, TOO.
WHAT HAPPENED...?
YOU MEAN THIS HERE "SHINER"?
ACCIDENTALLY STEPPED ON A LANDMINE WHILE TENDING TO THE WOUNDED IN BATTLE. SINCE THAT DAY...
...THE KING INSISTED I TAKE UP MY OLD POST AS ROYAL PHYSICIAN. NO MORE FRONTLINES FOR THIS OLD BIRD.
POOR, OLD QUACK...
SONIC!
SON!
SONNY-BOY!
YOU'RE ALL RIGHT!

IT'LL TAKE MORE THAN SOME TWO-BIT ASSASSIN OFF *EGGMAN'S* ASSEMBLY LINE TO DO IN *MY* FAVORITE NEPHEW.

LET'S HOPE IT NEVER COMES TO THAT, *SIR CHARLES!*

WHAT *PRINCESS SALLY* SAID, UNCLE CHUCK!

WE'RE JUST *GLAD* YOU WEREN'T SERIOUSLY *HURT,* SON!

AND THAT YOU'RE *FINALLY* HOME.

THE KINGDOM OF ACORN *ECHOES* THOSE SENTIMENTS, SONIC.

QUEEN ALICIA!

MOM!

WHERE ARE TAILS, KNUCKLES AND EVERYONE *ELSE* WHO FOUGHT IN THE BATTLE?

KING MAX IS *DEBRIEFING* THEM IN THE ROYAL READY ROOM. DON'T WORRY, THEY'LL *ALL* BE ATTENDING TONIGHT'S CELEBRATION.

CELEBRATION?

TO HONOR YOUR *RETURN!* IN THE MEANTIME, YOU SHOULD GO AND GET SOME REST.

IT'S GOING TO BE A *LONG* NIGHT!

OH, ALICIA--DON'T THEY MAKE SUCH A *CUTE* COUPLE?

IT MAKES A MOTHER *PROUD,* BERNADETTE.

Soon...
I'M GOING TO FIX YOU A HUGE PLATE OF CHILIDOGS, SON.
CAN'T WAIT, MOM. BOY, I STILL CAN'T GET OVER HOW MUCH EVERYTHING HAS CHANGED!
A LOT CAN HAPPEN IN A YEAR, SONNY-BOY. ISN'T THAT RIGHT, JULES?
I--
POP
MY EYES!
POP
KLIK
WHRR
WE ARE BROADCASTING LIVE FROM KNOTHOLE CITY, WHERE THE HEDGEHOG FAMILY IS JUST LEAVING CASTLE ACORN...
SONIC! SONIC!
IS IT TRUE YOU WERE IN OUTER SPACE ALL THIS TIME? WHAT WAS IT LIKE?
WAS DOCTOR ROBOTNIK SOMEHOW RESPONSIBLE? HOW DID YOU GET BACK?
WELL--
ARE YOU STILL PRINCESS SALLY'S CONSORT?
--I--
HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT THE WAR?
ANY FUTURE PLANS?
ARE YOUR FEET BLUE, TOO?
CAN YOU HOLD THAT POSE?

THE HEDGEHOG FAMILY SUMMER HOME...

HEDGEHOG

WE KEPT YOUR *ROOM* THE WAY IT WAS BEFORE YOU... WELL...

YOUR MOTHER AND I COULDN'T *BRING* OURSELVES TO CHANGE IT, SON.

YOU WERE RIGHT *NOT* TO, DAD...

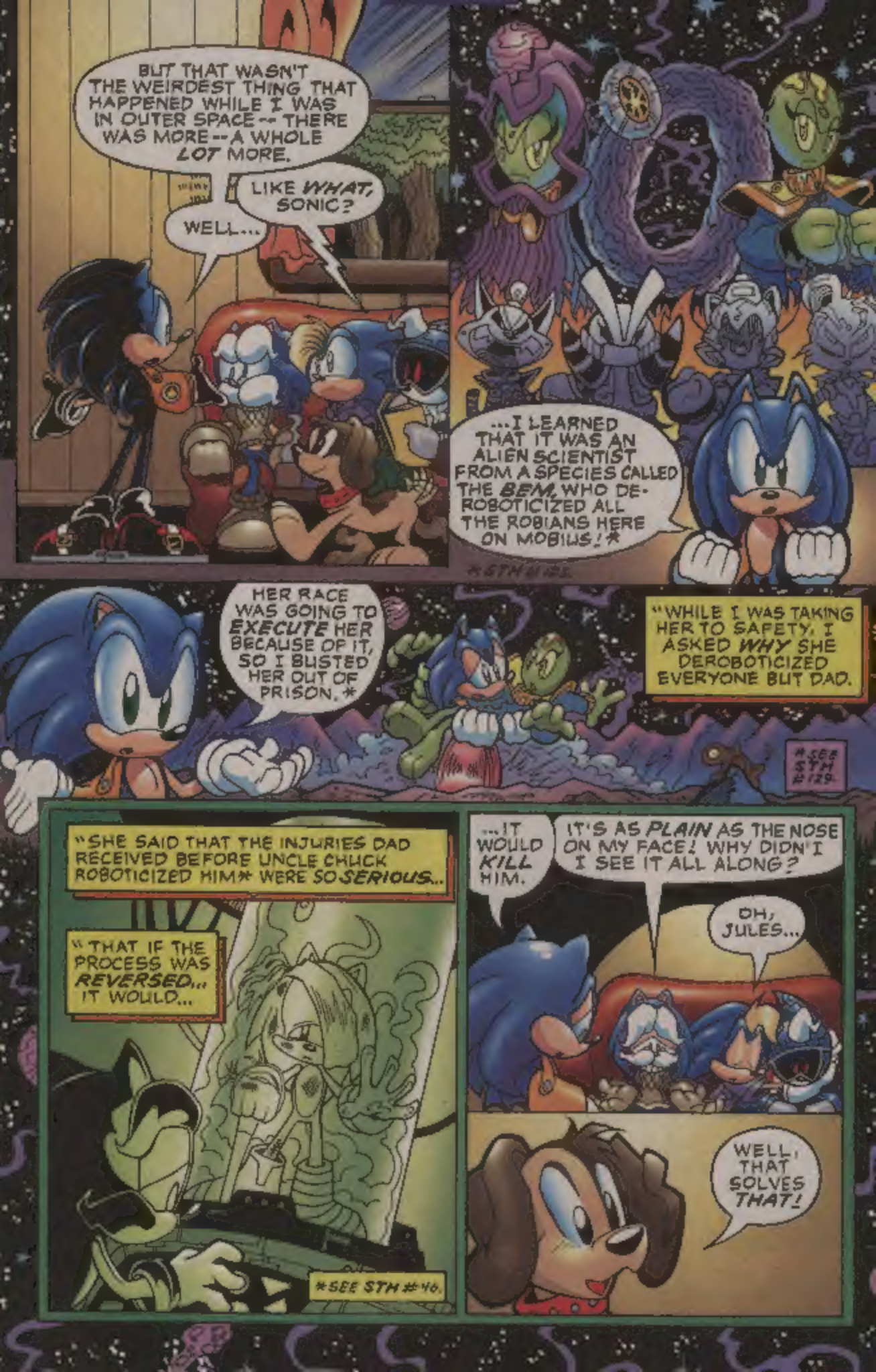
...'CAUSE I'M BACK FOR GOOD AND WE'RE A *FAMILY* AGAIN!

YOU *SAID* IT!

AHHHH... THERE'S NO... PLACE... LIKE...

YAAWWN

MUTTSKI! HEY THERE, BOY! LONG TIME NO SEE!
HELLO, SONIC-FRIEND!
MUTTSKI IS HAPPY TO HAVE YOU HOME AGAIN!
!?!
M-M-MUTTSKI...?
D-DID YOU JUST T-TALK?
!
MUTTSKI ALWAYS COULD!
MOM! DAD! UNCLE CHUCK! MUTTSKI CAN TALK! I KNOW A LOT OF THINGS CHANGED WHILE I WAS AWAY, BUT THIS IS RIDICULOUS!
SON...?
WAIT ONE COTTON-PICKIN' SECOND! IT'S GOT TO BE THE ALIEN IMPLANT-- ALLOWING US TO UNDER-STAND EACH OTHER! THERE'S NO OTHER EXPLANATION!


BUT THAT WASN'T THE WEIRDEST THING THAT HAPPENED WHILE I WAS IN OUTER SPACE -- THERE WAS MORE -- A WHOLE LOT MORE.
LIKE WHAT, SONIC?
WELL...
...I LEARNED THAT IT WAS AN ALIEN SCIENTIST FROM A SPECIES CALLED THE BEM, WHO DE-ROBOTICIZED ALL THE ROBIANS HERE ON MOBIUS!*
HER RACE WAS GOING TO EXECUTE HER BECAUSE OF IT, SO I BUSTED HER OUT OF PRISON.*
"WHILE I WAS TAKING HER TO SAFETY, I ASKED WHY SHE DEROBOTICIZED EVERYONE BUT DAD.
*SEE STM #129.
"SHE SAID THAT THE INJURIES DAD RECEIVED BEFORE UNCLE CHUCK ROBOTICIZED HIM* WERE SO SERIOUS...
"THAT IF THE PROCESS WAS REVERSED... IT WOULD...
*SEE STM #46.
...IT WOULD KILL HIM.
IT'S AS PLAIN AS THE NOSE ON MY FACE! WHY DIDN'I I SEE IT ALL ALONG?
OH, JULES...
WELL, THAT SOLVES THAT!

KNEW I'D FIND HIM HERE.

YO, TAILS!

S'UP?

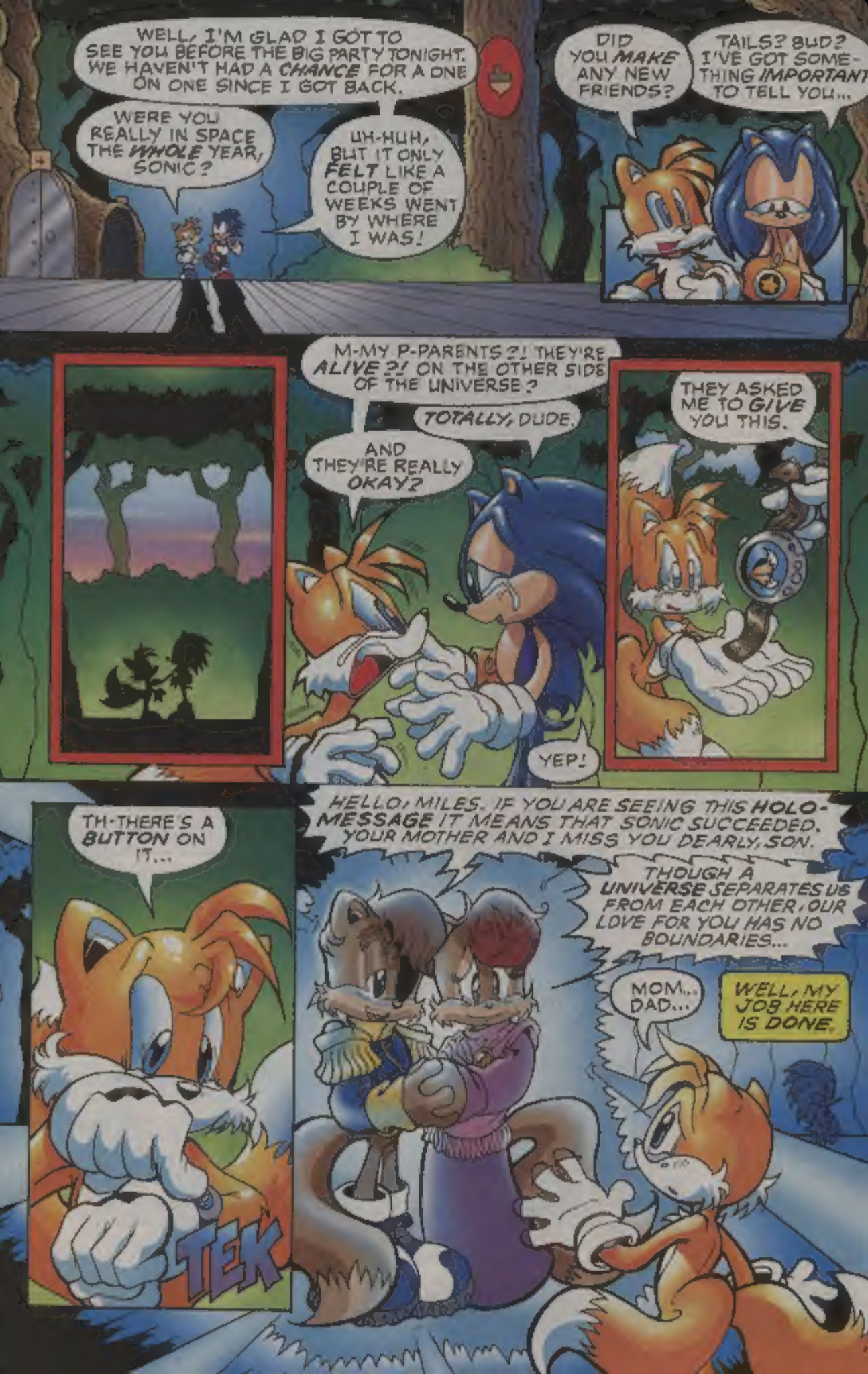
FREDERICK'S AIRBASE— KNOTHOLE CITY

YAAYYY! SONIC!! I'M SO GLAD YOU'RE OKAY!

HA-HA! ME, TOO! YOU MISSED A *PRIMO* CHILIDOG DINNER! WHERE WERE YOU?

KING MAX ASKED US QUESTIONS ABOUT OUR MISSION AND I TOLD HIM HOW I OUTSMARTED *A.D.A.M.* WITH RIDDLES* AND THEN I CAME HOME, BUT YOU WOULDN'T WAKE UP NO MATTER HOW HARD I TRIED, SO I DECIDED TO WORK ON *'THE TORNADO.'*

*SEE STH #132-133.


WELL, I'M GLAD I GOT TO SEE YOU BEFORE THE BIG PARTY TONIGHT. WE HAVEN'T HAD A CHANCE FOR A ONE ON ONE SINCE I GOT BACK.
WERE YOU REALLY IN SPACE THE WHOLE YEAR, SONIC?
UH-HUH, BUT IT ONLY FELT LIKE A COUPLE OF WEEKS WENT BY WHERE I WAS!
DID YOU MAKE ANY NEW FRIENDS?
TAILS? BUD? I'VE GOT SOMETHING IMPORTANT TO TELL YOU...
M-MY P-PARENTS?! THEY'RE ALIVE?! ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE UNIVERSE?
TOTALLY, DUDE.
AND THEY'RE REALLY OKAY?
YEP!
THEY ASKED ME TO GIVE YOU THIS.
TH-THERE'S A BUTTON ON IT...
TEK
HELLO, MILES. IF YOU ARE SEEING THIS HOLO-MESSAGE IT MEANS THAT SONIC SUCCEEDED. YOUR MOTHER AND I MISS YOU DEARLY, SON.
THOUGH A UNIVERSE SEPARATES US FROM EACH OTHER, OUR LOVE FOR YOU HAS NO BOUNDARIES...
MOM... DAD...
WELL, MY JOB HERE IS DONE.

MY NAME IS MINA
OOH, BABY, A MONGOOSE NOT JUST ANOTHER TEEN-UH PEOPLE CALL ME "SONGOOSE"
TRAPPED IN A CAGE NO MATTER WHAT I DO WHEN I'M THINKIN' 'BOUT YOU EVEN THE STAGE TURNS BLUE
GREEN HILL PARK
2
SAY WHO'S THIS SHINDIG FOR ANYWAY?
SONIC--YOU MADE IT!
I WOULDN'T HAVE MISSED IT FOR THE WORLD, SAL!
THE KINGDOM OF ACORN OFFICIALLY WELCOMES YOU HOME, MY BOY!
THANKS, SIRE!
I COULDN'T IMAGINE BEING ANYWHERE ELSE

COME ALONG, ALL I HAVE A VERY IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT
ANNOUNCEMENT?
HERE YOU GO, SIRE.
WHY THANK YOU, MINA!
GOOD CITIZENS, AS AN EFFORT TO FORTIFY OUR KINGDOM AGAINST DOCTOR ROBOTNIK...
...QUEEN ALICIA AND I WILL DEPART KNOTHOLE IN A FEW SHORT WEEKS, ON AN EXTENDED TOUR OF THE PLANET WITH STATION SQUARE AS OUR FINAL STOP!
DURING OUR ABSENCE, PRINCESS SALLY WILL SERVE AS ACTING RULER!
NOW EVERYONE, PLEASE--
--ENJOY THE CELEBRATION!
WOW, AMY--SALLY'S IN CHARGE!
GIRLS RULE, TEKNO!

WELCOME HOME, SONIC!. T S GREAT TO SEE YOU AGAIN!

SAME HERE, M NA: I LOVED THE ACT! GUESS YOU LOST YOUR STAGE FR GHT HUH?

WELL, WHEN KING MAX ASKED ME TO AID IN THE WAR EFFORT BY SINGING FOR THE TROOPS, HOW COULD I SAY NO?

MEET ASH-- HE'S MY MANAGER.

AND HER BOY-FRIEND.

MAX DO YOU REALLY THINK SALLY IS READY TO ASSUME TH S RESPONSIBIL-ITY? YOU SAW HOW SHE REACTED AFTER SONIC WAS WOUNDED.*

*SEE LAST ISSUE

WELL PRINCE ELIAS NEVER WANTED THE JOB AND HAS MADE A LIFE FOR HIMSELF ELSEWHERE* AS FOR SALLY QUACK SAYS SHE S UP TO IT. I TRUST IN HIM...

*SEE STH #121

"...BUT I TRUST IN HER EVEN MORE."

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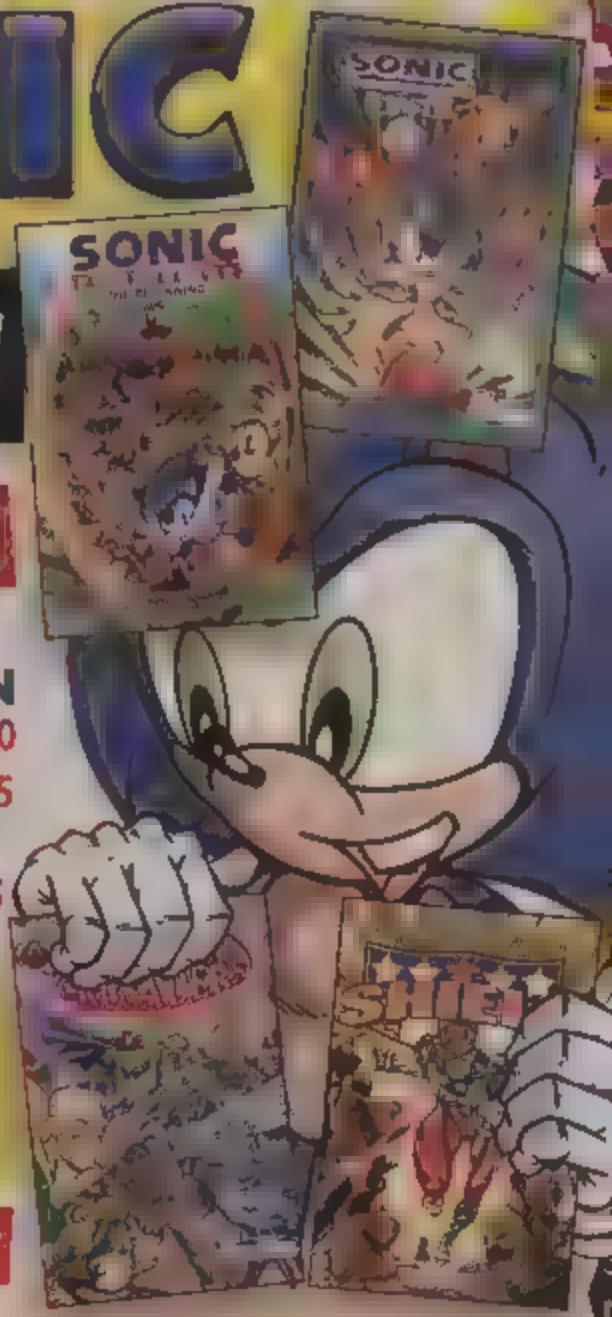

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HOWDY, SUGAH-HOG!

HI, SONIC!

FLOOR AIN'T GONNA BOOGIE ON TS OWN, ESS-HOG.

YOU HEARD MY LOUDMOUTH, CROCODILE FRIEND TRUE BLUE!

IT'S TIME FOR ME TO MINGLE!

DUTY CALLS, SAL

OKAY SONIC BUT SAVE THE LAST DANCE FOR ME, OKAY?

SAY, KNUX... WHAT ARE YOU N' THE CHAOTIX DOING IN KNOTHOLE?

EGGMAN CAPTURED ANGEL ISLAND--OUR HOME--WHILE WE WERE AWAY. WITH YOU GONE, MAX ASKED US TO STICK AROUND AND HELP OUT.

WE HAVEN'T BEEN BACK SINCE, AND I'M -

UH OH THERE'S TALK WITH FIONA FOX.

SCUSE ME RAD RED

POOR LITTLE DUDE GOT HIS LITTLE HEART BROKEN ONCE BY A ROBOT DOUBLE OF HERS AND IF HE'S NOT CAREFUL WITH THE REAL DEAL...

..IT COULD HAPPEN AGAIN!

SONIC!
HEY, ROTOR...
...UHH... GUESS YOU'VE BEEN KEEPING BUSY SINCE RETIRING FROM AWAY MISSIONS, HUH?
YOU BET. NOW I JUST INVENT DOODADS FOR YOU FIELD AGENTS TO TAKE ALONG!
BUT DON'T WORRY-- THIS ISN'T ONE OF THEM!
JUST A SEC!
THEN WHAT ON MOBIUS IS IT?
TEK
WHEEEEE
POOM
POOM
POOM
POOM
NOW THAT'S WHAT I CALL GENIUS, ROTE.
YAAAAAY!

SUCH BEAUTIFUL *FIREWORKS*, GEOFF!

CAN'T HELP BUT *AGREE*, M'LUV...

HUH? GEOFFREY AND HERSHEY ST. JOHN

...THOUGH THERE WAS A TIME WHEN I *WOULD* HAVE THOUGHT DIFFERENT.

GUESS YOU WERE *WRONG!*

NEWLYWED SPIES.

SAY, I NEVER REALLY GOT THE *CHANCE* TO CONGRATULATE YOU TWO ON YOUR MARRIAGE!*

THANKS, MATE, AND WELCOME HOME AGAIN.

*SEE STH #50.

DON'T TELL ME YOU'RE BOTH DASHING *ALREADY?*

WE'RE OFF ON A CLASSIFIED *MISSION* FOR KING MAX.

YOU KNOW... OUR *HONEY-MOON!*

TRUE LOVE. WHAT A BEAUTIFUL THING.

HEY, PARDNUH!

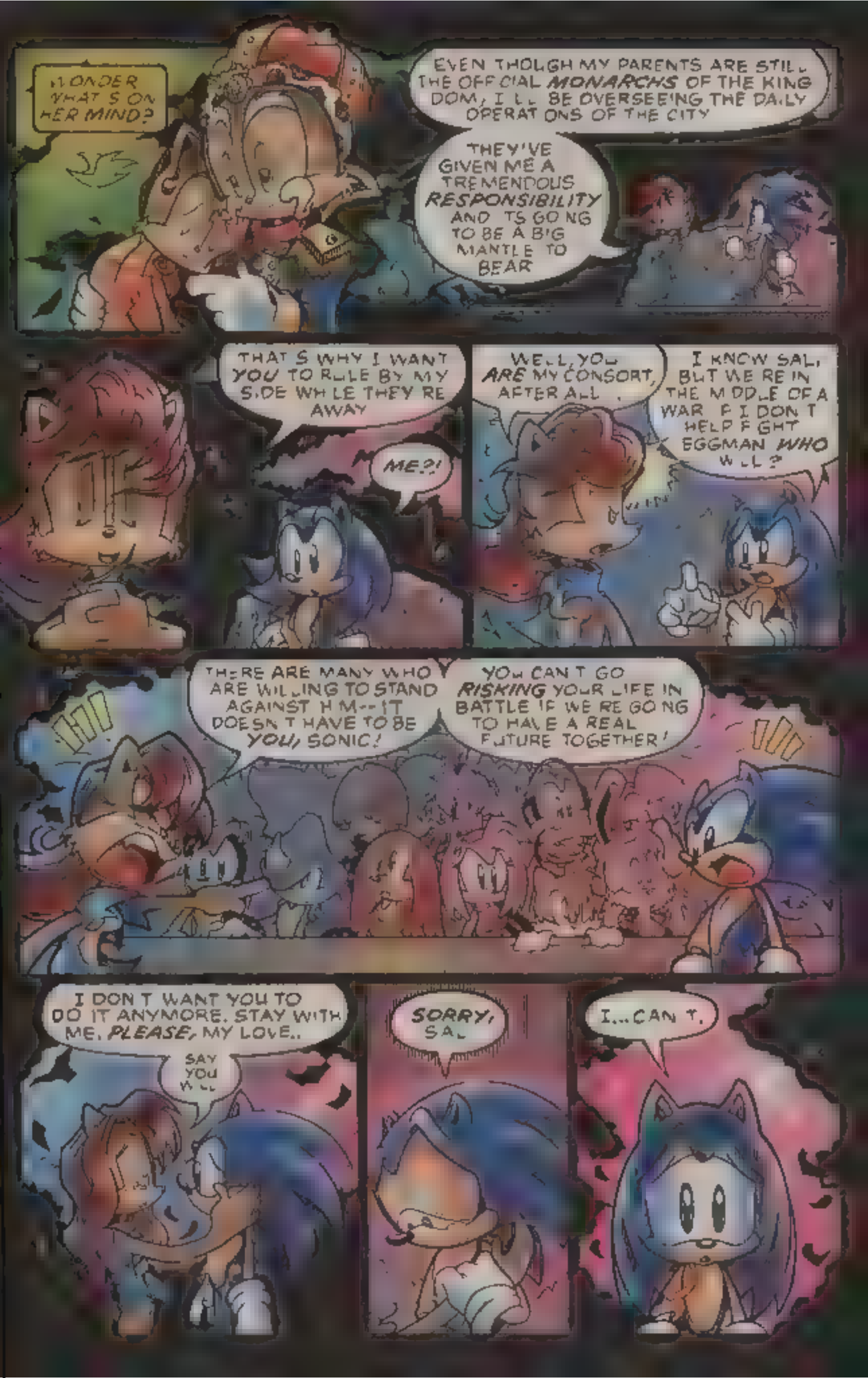
WAY TO TAKE OUT EGGMAN'S ATOMICS, *BUNNIE!**

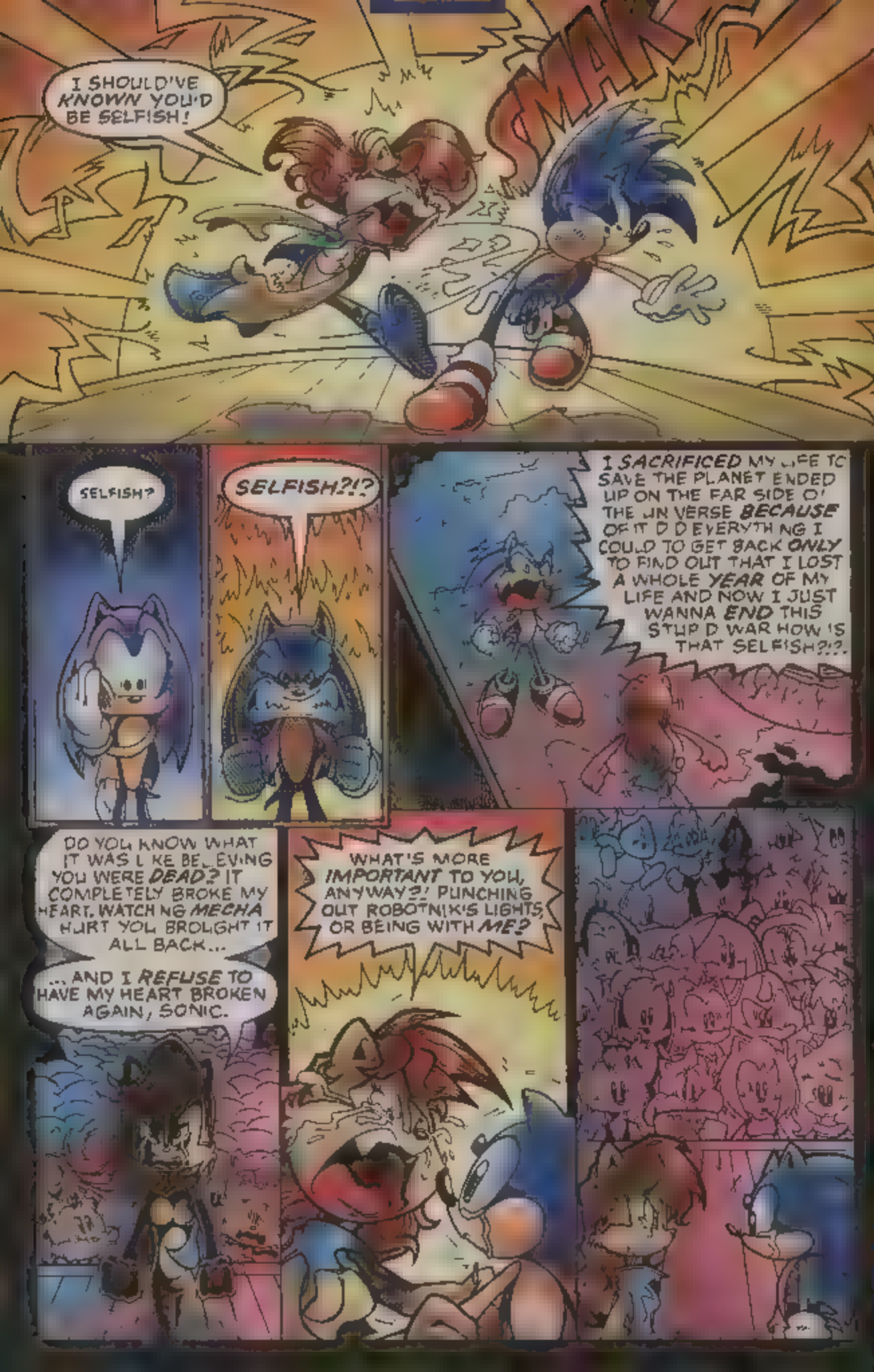
*SEE LAST ISSUE

YOU MIND TELLING ME *WHY* YOU AND ANTOINE CALLED IT QUITS?

HOPE HE DIDN'T GET THAT NASTY FACIAL SCAR FROM *YOU!*

ONLY QUACK KNOWS WHERE HE GOT IT. THE WAR CHANGED HIM-- MADE 'M INTO A DIFFERENT 'TO NE FROM THE ONE I FELL FOR, SO WE BROKE UP.
WHAT ABOUT OLD TIMES?
AH GUESS THEY'RE GONE.
I WANT ANTO NE TO ACCOMPANY US ON OUR TOUR AS COMMANDER OF THE ELITE GUARD
SONIC ? DO YOU HAVE A MOMENT TO TALK?
SURE SAC
"HIS NEW ATTITUDE MAKES H M AN EXCELLENT CAND DATE FOR THE JOB"
I--
PRINCESS, CAN I PHOTOGRAPH YOU AND THE ROYAL CONSORT FOR THE FRONT PAGE OF TOMORROW S KNOTHOLE NEWS?
PERFECT!


I WONDER WHAT'S ON HER MIND?
EVEN THOUGH MY PARENTS ARE STILL THE OFFICIAL MONARCHS OF THE KINGDOM, I'LL BE OVERSEEING THE DAILY OPERATIONS OF THE CITY.
THEY'VE GIVEN ME A TREMENDOUS RESPONSIBILITY AND IT'S GOING TO BE A BIG MANTLE TO BEAR.
THAT'S WHY I WANT YOU TO RULE BY MY SIDE WHILE THEY'RE AWAY.
ME?!
WELL, YOU ARE MY CONSORT, AFTER ALL.
I KNOW SAL, BUT WE'RE IN THE MIDDLE OF A WAR. IF I DON'T HELP FIGHT EGGMAN WHO WILL?
THERE ARE MANY WHO ARE WILLING TO STAND AGAINST HIM--IT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE YOU, SONIC!
YOU CAN'T GO RISKING YOUR LIFE IN BATTLE IF WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A REAL FUTURE TOGETHER!
I DON'T WANT YOU TO DO IT ANYMORE. STAY WITH ME, PLEASE, MY LOVE..
SAY YOU WILL
SORRY, SAL.
I...CAN'T.


I SHOULD'VE KNOWN YOU'D BE SELFISH!
SMAK
SELFISH?
SELFISH?!?
I SACRIFICED MY LIFE TO SAVE THE PLANET ENDED UP ON THE FAR SIDE O' THE UNIVERSE BECAUSE OF IT DID EVERYTHING I COULD TO GET BACK ONLY TO FIND OUT THAT I LOST A WHOLE YEAR OF MY LIFE AND NOW I JUST WANNA END THIS STUPID WAR HOW IS THAT SELFISH?!?
DO YOU KNOW WHAT IT WAS LIKE BELIEVING YOU WERE DEAD? IT COMPLETELY BROKE MY HEART. WATCHING MECHA HURT YOU BROUGHT IT ALL BACK...
... AND I REFUSE TO HAVE MY HEART BROKEN AGAIN, SONIC.
WHAT'S MORE IMPORTANT TO YOU, ANYWAY?! PUNCHING OUT ROBOTNIK'S LIGHTS, OR BEING WITH ME?

THEN HE CAN HAVE YOU *ALL* TO H MSELF.
THE END

MOBIUS 25 YEARS LATER

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PERSONAL LOG, 27 JULIAN 3261, 8 47 WEST HEMISPHERE DAYLIGHT. HAVING CONFIRMED MY FINDINGS OF THE ENTROPIC EFFECT UPON MOBIUS WITH *COBAR*, AN ECHIDNA SCIENTIST POSSESSING A FORMIDABLE INTELLECT WITH WHOM I ENJOY A CLOSE PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP—

IN TRANSIT

--I MET WITH *KNUCKLES* TO ENLIST HIS SUPPORT IN SEEKING TO FIND A SOLUTION FOR A PROBLEM THAT THREATENS -- OUR VERY *FUTURE*!

OUR *MAJOR* CONCERN--AVERTING A *WORLDWIDE PANIC* BEFORE WE HAVE A PLAN OF ACTION!

EVEN NOW, THERE'S A GOOD CHANCE THAT DESPITE MY *PRECAUTIONS*, WE MAY HAVE BEEN *COMPROMISED*!

AS I CONTINUED TO DISCUSS THE MATTER WITH *KNUCKLES*,

THEN THERE'S THE ISSUE OF *COMPETING* POLITICAL INTERESTS!

THERE'S GOING TO BE A WIDE RANGE OF *SUPPORT* FOR *EVERY* ALTERNATIVE THAT'S PROPOSED!

KRAAACK!

HOLD IT!

BINGO!
WHAT IS IT?
MORE LIKE "WHO"!
WELL?
NOBODY I CAN'T HANDLE!
A PAIR OF KIDS SCARED OF GETTING CAUGHT MAKING OUT!
AHH
IS THAT THE REASON YOU KEPT YOUR BIONICS?
I OFTEN WONDERED WHY, WHEN YOU COULD HAVE A CLONED EYE REPLACEMENT!

SO I'VE HEARD!

MAYBE SOMEDAY!

IN THE MEANTIME I'LL CHECK OUT YOUR INFO AND GET BACK TO YOU!

HOW AMAZED KNUCKLES WOULD HAVE BEEN HAD I TOLD HIM--

"--I KNEW HE'D BE CONFERRING WITH THE BROTHERHOOD AT HAVEN TWO"

GRANDFATHER

OH, MY - KNUCKLES!

IS EVERYTHING ALL RIGHT?

IT'S BEEN SO LONG! EVER SINCE--

YEAH, I KNOW!

WHAT CAN I SAY?

ALL THAT MATTERS IS THAT YOU'RE HERE!

AND, YOU KNOW, I BELIEVE SABRE HIMSELF WOULD AGREE!

I NEED A FAVOR, SOJOURNER.

ARE THE SATELLITE MONITORS STILL UP AND RUNNING?

I THOUGHT YOU HAD YOUR OWN SET-UP IN THE CHAOS CHAMBER!
I PROMISED JULIE-SU I WOULDN'T EVER SPY ON THE FAMILY!
WHY ON ANGEL ISLAND WOULD SHE MAKE YOU PROMISE THAT?
REALLY, SOJOURNER
HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN JULIE-SU'S RELATIONS?
THE TREACHEROUS WENCH SHOULD BE LANGUISHING IN A DUNGEON THE REST OF HER DAYS!
IT'S NOT LEN-DA THIS TIME!
I'M MORE CONCERNED WITH HER RODENT SON!
AHH, RUTAN! THAT BOY BEARS SERIOUS WATCHING!
THAT'S THE IDEA
WELL, SOJOURNER?
IT'S NOT MY IDEA OF FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT...
...BUT HERE'S YOUR PROGRAM
AND WHERE HAVE THE TWO OF YOU BEEN ALL NIGHT?!
LOOKS LIKE MOM'S TICKED WITH JUNIOR!
CAN YOU ZOOM IN?

WE SPENT THE NIGHT WITH FRIENDS AFTER LARA SU'S UNVEILING* MOM

DO YOU'R PARENTS KNOW ABOUT THIS, SALMA?

*ECHIDNA FEMALE COMING OF AGE CEREMONY

SALMA?

NO MA'AM!

I TOLD THEM I WAS STAYING OVER-NIGHT WITH LARA SU

SAY DAD DO YOU KNOW WHO YOUR KID'S COVERING FOR?

PLEASE DON'T TELL US THIS IS ALL ABOUT DISCOVERING WHAT SHE AND HER FRIENDS DO BEHIND YOUR BACK

HARDLY

LARA SU'S GOT SOME EXPLAINING TO DO WHEN I GET HOLD OF HER!

I'M MORE INTERESTED IF JUNIOR LEARNED ANYTHING HE SHOULDN'T

DO TELL

YOU NOTICED ANYTHING STRANGE ABOUT THE WEATHER LATELY?

WELL, I'LL DEAL WITH YOU LATER, YOUNG MAN RIGHT NOW.

--LET'S GET SALMA HOME!
I'M IMPRESSED, COBAR!
I DON'T THINK ANYONE COULD HACK INTO THE BROTHERHOOD'S SATELLITE NETWORK
IT WAS QUITE BY ACCIDENT, REALLY--
--BUT I'M NOT ABOUT TO LOOK A GIFT PASHA IN THE SNOUT
SEEN ENOUGH?
FOR THE MOMENT, THE KIDS BOTH SEEM PRETTY HARMLESS!
YOU WOULDN'T SAY THAT IF YOU KNEW HIS MOTHER!
SHE COULD REALLY MUCK THINGS UP
THAT WOULDN'T SURPRISE THE KING AT ALL--
--GIVEN THAT HE ISN'T EXACTLY RENOWNED FOR HIS FONDNESS OF ECHIDNAS--
--ESPECIALLY THE GUARDIAN!
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SONIC GRAMS

Off Panel

THIS JUST IN

As I mentioned two editorials ago, our new assistant editor, Mike Pellerito, was going to say a few words to introduce himself to you. However, we ran out of space last month to give the fans the facts on 'Hobius: 25 Years Later.' So I'm keeping this editorial short so that Mike has the room to give a proper introduction. So for now, I'll just say: "C U in 4 weeks and..."

Catch you on the flip side!

Take it away Mike...

Hey, gang! I'm Mike Pellerito, Sonic's new assistant editor, the guy who answers all your e-mail and letters in Sonic Grams. And I can honestly say we take all your thoughts and opinions very seriously, so make yourself heard! I also take care of keeping the book on time, and really help out wherever I'm needed. Just to be a part of a book so good, that's filled with some of the best writers, pencillers, inkers, letterers, and colorists, is really an honor. I can't say enough about how great I think this book is, and how hard all these talented creatures work to put out the best stories in comics.

I also want to shed a little light on some of the people who work just as hard behind the scenes to make this book great. People like Joe Pep, who has put together every Sonic Grams, Fan Art page, and countless other things. He has been behind the scenes on every Sonic comic we have ever produced! Ellen Leonforte, who makes all the great ads (especially the Sonic ones!) and much more. Rosario "Tito" Pena, who is such a big help from setting up digital files, getting out solicit covers, to helping me out whenever I need it. He gets a big thanks! Also, one of the most overlooked people in a comic book, Sarah Hendrickson, our incredible proofreader. I also have to mention Nelson Ribeiro, who is not only one of the great freelancers on this book, but also the Archie Digests Editor, who has been helping out Sonic in so many ways behind the scenes for years. And last but not least is Pat "Spaz" Spaziante, a name I am sure all Sonic fans know. He has been working behind the scenes on just about every aspect of Sonic for years. Without his contributions, it wouldn't be such a special book. I just wanted to let you, the fans, know how hard so many people work to get Sonic's stories out every month. So, keep reading, writing in, sending art, and we'll keep bringing you the best Sonic stories ever!

Note: Due to the overwhelming amount of e-mail and snail mail, it is impossible for us to reply personally to each and every message. However, your opinions are important to us and each message will be read. Also, due to space limitations, some correspondence may be edited.
Thanks for understanding!

So, on to the letters:

Dear Sonic-Grams:
My name is Steven Morgan, and I have been a fan of Sonic ever since his birth.

Uh, bordo! I don't think we ever had his birth in the book. I guess if you had all the classic Sega games and new ones and even read the old comics since, say like issue thirty-something, that is close enough.

I have owned all of the classic SEGA games and the new ones, plus I am waiting for the much anticipated Sonic Heroes. I started collecting the comics when #38 hit the stands.

Close enough.

Once I picked it up, I had to have it. I went on with more issues (accidentally skipping some along the way) and for the first time, I felt this was something I could collect. But for some reason my stupidity kicked in and I stopped getting the comics (something about my friends thinking it was lame or for little kids or something). But then when I saw #131 sitting there, my "Sonic-Sense" starting kicking in and I picked it up. When I re-purchased Sonic Adventure 2: Battle, that is when I decided I would use my horribly bad handwriting (I haven't written in years) to write you guys a letter.

Uh, how do you get away without writing for years?

This (obviously) is my first time writing to you guys. I would like to see more of Shadow, that guy is cool! Maybe he should deserve his own series? Oh! One more thing, SPAZ and PENDERS rock! I think you two deserve a lot of credit for your work! (LOOK HOW LOUD I HAVE TO YELL!!!)

Do not yell! I know it's been a while since you last wrote things down but yelling loudly at your paper, it just angers the people around you. Besides I really could not hear you anyway.

A Devoted Reader, Steven Morgan
Burlington, VT

Hey Sonic-Grams, First of all, I have to say that your comic is one of the best things that I've ever read! (I know you get that a lot, but don't ignore the truth.) I've been wanting a subscription to your comic since I first heard about it, which was obviously some time ago. But, of course, my younger brother got a subscripoon without even asking.

Whoa...I smell a little jealousy.

But now to my point. Near the end of #129, Amadeus Prower says to his wife, "... as long as Sonic gives him the package we sent, Miles will always know how much we love him!" Yet I see no sign of the package through #130 or 131. My question is, will this come up later, or did you simply forget?

I hope you feel your question has been adequately answered.

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Dear Sonic-Grams,
This is so cool! This is my first time ever writing a letter! Any who, I loved to read Sonic comics and to play Sonic video games. I've been loving to do these things for 2 yrs. I mean I'm a super huge fan of Sonic! My whole bedroom wall is full of Sonic pictures and advertisements! The video games that I have are: Sonic Advance, Sonic Advance 2, Sonic Mega Collection, Sonic Adventure DX, and Sonic Adventure 2 Battle. Sorry if I'm bragging!

Oh, yeah! Well, I have every Sonic comic book and trade paperback! I get them all by using the Checklist in this very book.
(Shameless plug #1)

I'm not offending you or nothing but #130 and #128 I haven't liked. I don't like these because of Princess Sally Acorn! I'm not trying to be mean, honest! I just don't like her loving Sonic so much!

Wait, 128 and 130 rocked! The return of E.V.E. need I say more! And 130 is the return of Sonic to his home. Plus that issue ties up all the stuff going on now. How could just one issue ruin all that entertainment!

Sorry! Just to let you guys and gals know that shouldn't stop you from making the comics. I'm the super #1 fan of Sonic and no matter what I'll be rooting for him! He's the coolest!

Jessica Sims

P.S.. Please write back if you have the time! Just to let you know I'm a 6th grader and I'm 12 years old! I'm also a girl who shall always love Sonic! I've got a little space in my heart forever for Sonic, so keep up the good work!

You know Sonic has Sally, Amy, and Mina floating around. His dance card is a little full. Could I interest you in a tall, world controlling Mad Doctor? He is a snappy dresser, after all.

Howdy Sonic Peoples!
Hi. I haven't been following the comic very long, only since issue 122.

Well then, since you are obviously missing some of those great back issues you should check out our Sonic checklist for any of the old issues you need. (Shameless plug #2)

But I quickly fell in love with the storyline. First, I wanted to say something about the Mobius: 25 Years Later thing. I thought it was very creative. I loved how you showed the characters like that. I've seen a few comics that have tried that, but the characters didn't keep their personality. Ya'll managed to keep them like themselves. Another thing I wanted to say was about turning the comic to the show. I really think you all should do that, but not have it too much like the show. Well, that's it then. Thanks much!

From A Devoted Newbie,
Lisa Lilypad
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Dear Ken Penders,

Uh, hello? Yeah we covered this a while ago, but I your humble assistant editor Mike (see intro over) have started answering your mail. But Ken as well as the rest of the staff will be called in if you all stump me. Got it? Good.

I would like to know some things: 1. Why hasn't Off-Panel been around since issue #127?

It's back now.

2. The preview of the cover #131 in #130 is not the same cover that I got on issue #131!!! (The preview shows Sonic's face close up with his hands in front of him while little white pieces of something are flying. The one I got shows LOTS of detail, with all these characters in the front, and lots of facts, and everything!

Well, the preview covers are really just a sketch or a first test run, and in this case the actual cover is much cooler.

3. I noticed that the e-mail address got changed from sonic@kenpenders.com to sonic@archiecomics.com. Why was it changed? I'm sure that lots of people right now are typing messages to the formerly existant sonic@kenpenders.com! I know that you are reading this, and I would appreciate you answering these questions so I can get some sleep.

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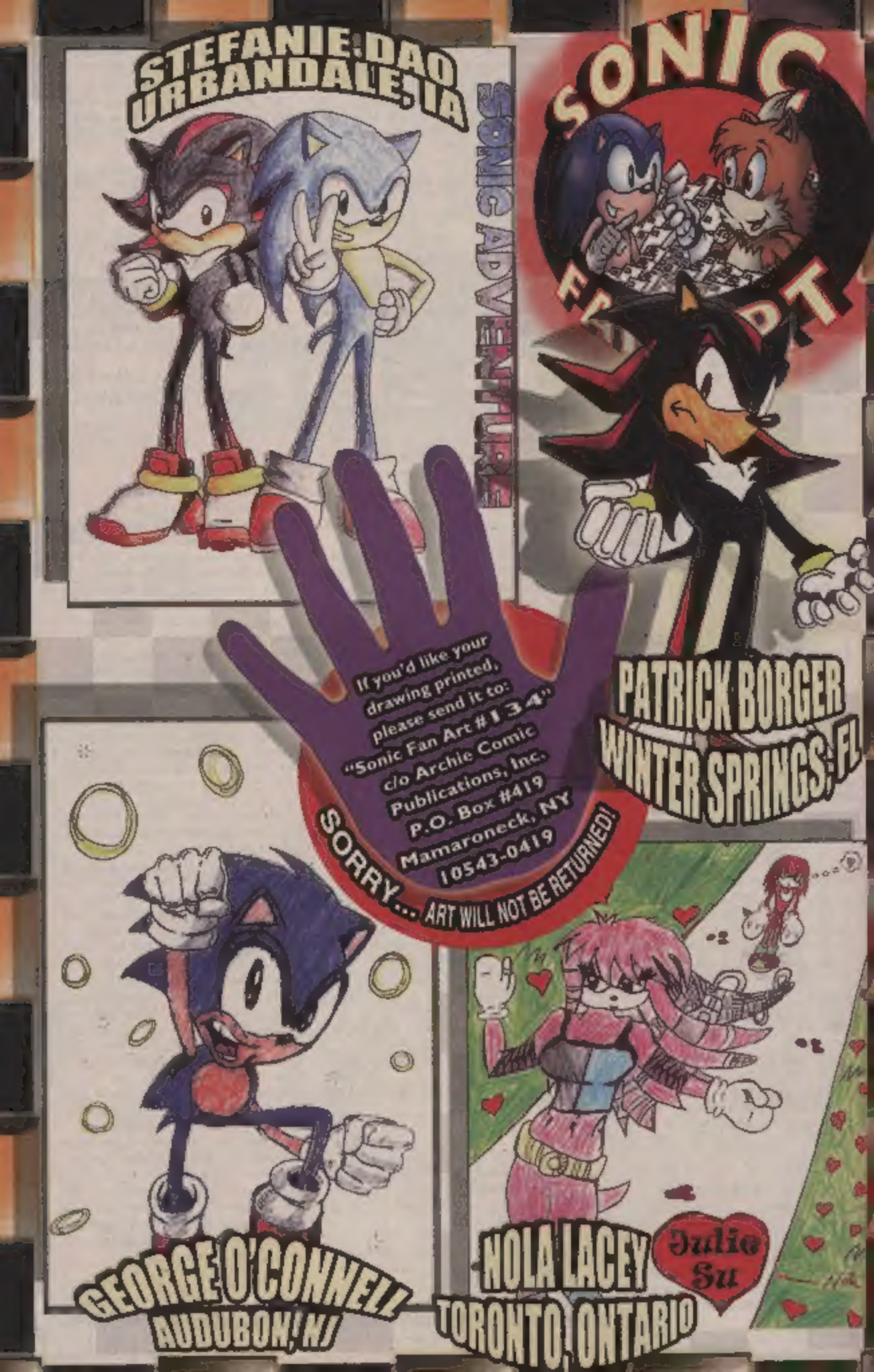
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